



Merrick County Board Minutes



December 22, 2015

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, Kreachbaum, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Agenda: Moved Kreachbaum, second Helgoth to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Kreachbaum, second Carlson to approve the minutes of the December 8 and December 15, 2015 minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Carlson, Graves, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert attended the NACO Convention in Kearney; Graves attended the Senior Center meeting, hospital meeting, and a NIRMA claim meeting and Kreachbaum attended an Emergency Management meeting in Fullerton with Tom Smith, Boone County, and Nance County.

Official reports: The County Treasurer, Attorney, Clerk, and Planning and Zoning gave reports to the Board.

Hospital update: Julie Murray with Litzenberg Hospital gave a brief update to the Board.

Health insurance: Dennis Maggart, with NACO Benefit Services gave the Board a proposal for health insurance with the NACO pool for Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance for the county.

Subdivision approval: Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve the small tract subdivision in the SW1/4SW1/4 in 3-12-7 for Norm and Sue Krug. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Subdivision approval: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the small tract subdivision in the NW1/4 of 15-12-8 for Chris Rice.

Employee appreciation dinner: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to approve the Employee Appreciation dinner on Friday, January 15, 2016 at Palmer, using Whitefoot's Catering with a 2 meat dinner choice of prime rib and chicken, chunk potatoes, green beans and almonds, tossed salad, and cake starting with a happy hour at 6:00 with the meal at 7:00 p.m. The County will pay for the employee's meal only. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Community Based Aid Grant: Moved Graves, second Helgoth to approve of the Chairman signing the 2016 Community Based Aid Grant for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Juvenile Diversion Interlocal Agreement: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve of the Chairman signing the Interlocal Agreement with Nance, Polk, Hamilton and Merrick Counties for Juvenile Diversion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Interest payment: Moved Helgoth, second Weller to approve the Treasurer paying by wire transfer the interest payment of \$17,791.25 on the Courthouse bond that will be due on January 1, 2016.

Phone system: Moved Carlson, second Kreachbaum to go with Eagle Communications lease options for the new phone system for the courthouse and jail. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2015-25: Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve paying the Building and Grounds person \$30.00 a month for the use of his cell phone.

Health insurance: Moved Carlson, second Graves to approve of the NACO pool Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance for the Merrick County employees with the same percentage rates that are paid by the County now of 100% on employee, and 80% for employee/spouse, employee/child/children, and employee/family with a \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00 deductible and premiums as follows: \$1,078.12 for employee, \$2,164.20 for employee/spouse and employee/child/children and \$2,475.98 for employee/family. Roll Call: Ayes: Weller, Helgoth, Carlson, and Graves. Nays: Kreachbaum, Kucera, and Wiegert. Motion carried.

December 2015 payroll: Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to approve the December 2015 payroll as presented General: Gross: \$ 129,165.00 Net: \$89,222.56 Roads: Gross: \$50,612.60 Net: \$35,326.55 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$3,251.38 Net: \$2,330.01. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kreachbaum to adjourn at 12:23p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk